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10. (NEW) A method for operating an electronic device, having an input unit, at least one output unit, and at least one supplementary or selection function activatable via the input unit, said method comprising:

detecting each activation of a predetermined supplementary or selection function;
evaluating a result of said detecting using a predetermined evaluation for determining at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions; and
outputting reference text corresponding to the at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions based on said evaluating.

11. (NEW) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the electronic device is a telephone terminal with a display, and

wherein said evaluating includes determining a frequency of activation of the at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions in a predetermined period.

12. (NEW) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said evaluating includes determining a trend of the frequency of activation in the predetermined period.

13. (NEW) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said evaluating includes determining a period which has elapsed since a most recent activation of the at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions.

14. (NEW) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said evaluating includes comparing a predetermined reference value with at least one of frequency of activation, the trend determined and the period determined.

15. (NEW) An electronic device, comprising:
an input unit to activate at least one supplementary or selection function;
an output unit;
a supplementary function detection unit to detect each activation of a particular supplementary or selection function and to produce a detection output;
claim 11 a timer, coupled to said supplementary function detection unit, to determine a quantity characterizing a number of activations of the particular supplementary or selection function in a predetermined period;

an evaluation unit, coupled to said supplementary function detection unit and said timer, to produce an evaluation output;

a user information memory, coupled to said output unit, to store at least one advisory text for at least one infrequently used supplementary or selection function; and

a memory control unit, coupled to said evaluation unit and said user information memory, to address said user information memory for output of a corresponding advisory text for each infrequently used supplementary or selection function, based on the evaluation output.

16. (NEW) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the electronic device is a telephone terminal with a display, and

wherein said supplementary function detection unit includes

a counter to detect the number of activations of the particular supplementary or selection function; and

an arithmetic calculating unit, coupled to said counter and said timer, to determine a frequency of activation of the particular supplementary or selection function in the predetermined period.

17. (NEW) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said evaluation unit includes a last activation memory to store a last activation time of the particular supplementary or selection function; and

a subtraction stage, connected to said last activation memory and to said timer, to determine a period which has elapsed since the last activation time.

18. (NEW) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said evaluation unit further includes:

a reference value memory to store a predetermined period; and

a comparator unit, having an input coupled to said reference value memory and an output coupled to said memory control unit, to compare the quantity characterizing the number of activations to the predetermined period and to output a control signal to said memory control unit.